

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Kyrgyzstan
Program Title:	Democratic Culture and Institutions
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	116-0211
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$5,400,000 FSA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$803,000 FSA
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$5,170,000 FSA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2001
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2007

Summary: USAID's democracy efforts build stronger and more sustainable civic organizations, increase the availability of information on civic rights and domestic public issues, enhance opportunities for citizen participation in governance, and develop more effective, responsive, and accountable public institutions.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$940,000 FSA). USAID will train local officials in new budgeting processes, promote legal amendments to delineate functional authorities, and improve municipal management for better service provision and accountability. Principal contractor/grantee: Urban Institute (prime).

Support Democratic Political Parties (\$386,000 FSA, \$218,000 FSA carryover). USAID will provide technical assistance to a range of political parties on platform development, constituent outreach, internal governance, and sustainability between elections. USAID will provide ink and ultraviolet lights to the Central Election Commission. Principal grantees: International Republican Institute (IRI), National Democratic Institute (NDI), International Foundation for Election Systems (IFES) (all prime).

Strengthen Civil Society (\$2,403,000 FSA, \$239,000 FSA carryover). USAID will build the institutional capacity of a local Association of Civil Society Resource Centers (CSSCs). The advocacy program will target professional associations and democracy non-governmental organizations (NGOs), with possible additional support for elections-related outreach. The civic education textbook will be introduced to 62,000 new students, with 500 new students participating in extra-curricular activities. Following the February 2005 parliamentary elections, USAID will focus on constituent outreach, public hearings for legislative drafting and oversight, and improved procedures. Principal grantees: Counterpart International (prime), NDI (prime), Coalition for Democracy and Civil Society (sub), IFES (prime), TBD.

Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom of Information (\$679,000 FSA, \$109,000 FSA carryover). USAID will provide media with production grants, programming, and business training, and promote a supportive enabling environment. Freedom of speech advocacy will continue. Principal contractors/grantees: Internews Network (prime), Adil Soz (prime), International Center for Journalists (ICFJ) (sub), Internews Kyrgyzstan (sub), and various journalists.

Protect Human Rights and Equal Access to Justice (\$992,000 FSA, \$237,000 FSA carryover). USAID will support moot courts, mock trials, Street Law, a legal skills course, clinical experience, and substantive trainings. The new, three-year human rights program will focus on organizational development of human rights NGOs, national policy reform, adult education, information dissemination, monitoring policy implementation, and legal aid. A new, three-year anti-trafficking in persons program will focus on victim protection and enforcement. Principal grantees: Freedom House (prime), American Bar Association/Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative (ABA/CEELI) (sub), TBD.

FY 2006 Program: Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$967,000 FSA). The local government program will assist five to seven pilot cities to transition to a new budgeting system and new functional assignments. Principal contractor/grantee: TBD (prime).

Support Democratic Political Parties (\$645,000 FSA). Assistance to political parties will continue. Principal contractors/grantees: IRI (prime) and NDI (prime).

Strengthen Civil Society (\$1,274,000 FSA). As USAID's civil society programs end in FY 2006, the emphasis of the program will shift to civic advocacy. USAID will continue, at a reduced level, institution-building of NGOs through direct funding to a local association of CSSCs. The civic education program will end this year with integration of the course into the curriculum. USAID will continue to work with parliamentarians on constituency outreach, citizen input into the legislative process, legislative drafting, and Executive Branch oversight. Principal contractors/grantees: Association of CSSCs (prime) and TBD (prime).

Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom of Information (\$706,000 FSA). USAID will facilitate media training, provide production grants and programming, and support local freedom of speech advocacy. Principal contractors/grantees: Internews Network (prime), ICFJ (sub), Internews Kyrgyzstan (sub), Adil Soz (prime), and various journalists (sub).

Protect Human Rights and Equal Access to Justice (\$1,578,000 FSA). The legal reform program will focus on program sustainability, continuing the legal skills course, moot court, mock trial, and Street Law programs. The human rights program will promote enforcement, facilitate dialogue between citizens, human rights defenders, and local officials, and support national advocacy campaigns. Anti-trafficking activities will focus on victim protection and enforcement. Principal contractors/grantees: Freedom House (prime), ABA/CEELI (sub), and TBD (prime).

Performance and Results: USAID had mixed results in FY 2004 on political reform. The new Law on Elections fell short of international standards. Parliament passed progressive laws augmenting the powers of local government, but draft legislation on political parties and public assembly suggest further potential for backsliding. Rule of law is steadily improving as evidenced by the decision to publish court decisions. By program's end, there will be stronger and more sustainable civic organizations, increased availability of information on civic rights and domestic public issues, greater opportunities for citizen participation in governance, and more effective, responsive, and accountable public institutions.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Kyrgyzstan

116-0211 Democratic Culture and Institutions	ESF	FSA
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	0	12,008
Expenditures	0	6,328
Unliquidated	0	5,680
Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	216	6,953
Expenditures	200	5,923
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	216	18,961
Expenditures	200	12,251
Unliquidated	16	6,710
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	803
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	0	5,400
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	0	6,203
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	0	5,170
Future Obligations	0	5,800
Est. Total Cost	216	36,134